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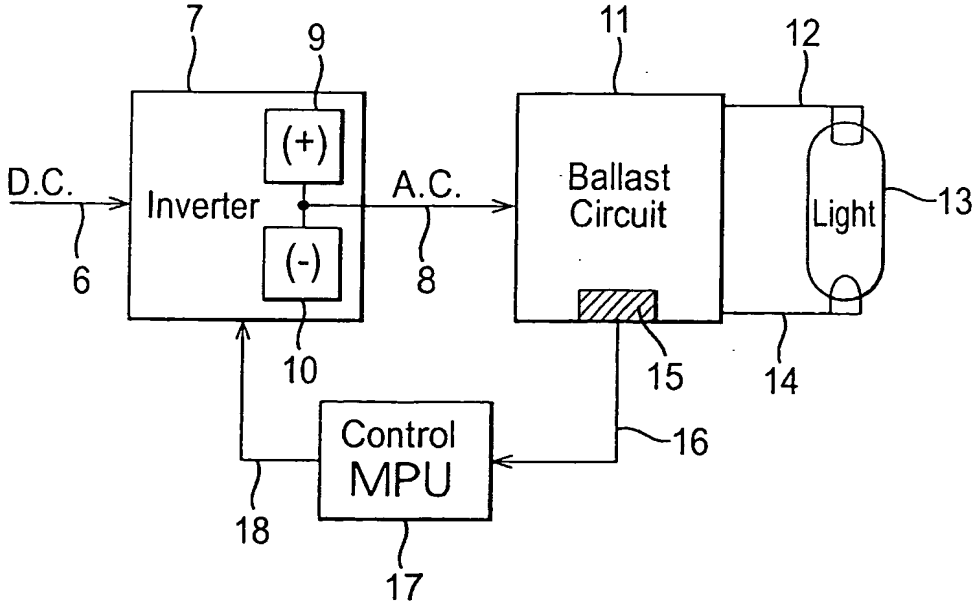


(57) Abstract: Apparatus and method for supplying AC power (*e.g.* from an inverter) to a discharge light *via* a ballast circuit formed by a resonant circuit, and controlling the frequency of the AC power signal so as to operate below the natural resonance frequency of the ballast circuit in use after the discharge light has "struck".

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